



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1147

LCO No. 4426

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE FOR LOW INCOME ADULTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social
2 Services shall permit parents and needy caretaker relatives with
3 children, who qualify for coverage under Section 1931 of the Social
4 Security Act, with family income which exceeds one hundred per cent
5 of the federal poverty level and does not exceed one hundred fifty per
6 cent of the federal poverty level, to obtain, at their own expense,
7 medical assistance coverage pursuant to subsection (a) of section 17b-
8 261 of the general statutes.

9 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) The Commissioner of Social
10 Services shall apply for a waiver of a federal law to permit individuals
11 (1) who do not have private health insurance, and (2) with incomes
12 that do not exceed four hundred per cent of the federal poverty level to
13 be eligible for unsubsidized benefits under the HUSKY Plan, Part B.

14 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Individuals obtaining health
15 insurance benefits pursuant to sections 1 and 2 of this act, shall bear all

16 costs for such benefits and no such costs shall be borne by the
17 Department of Social Services.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To allow individuals who are losing health insurance coverage under HUSKY Plan, Part A to obtain such insurance coverage at their own expense, and to require the Commissioner of Social Services to seek a waiver from federal law that will permit individuals with incomes of not more than four hundred per cent of the federal poverty level to obtain unsubsidized benefits under HUSKY Plan, Part B.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]